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Medical first response exchange wraps up Idaho-Cambodia SPP 2014

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PHNOM PENH, Cambodia – Idaho Air and Army National Guardsmen met with their Cambodian counterparts Sep. 15-19 to complete the fifth year of partnership activities.

Medical First Response was the topic and the third year in a row the two militaries came together to share best practices on the subject.

The overall purpose of the partnership is threefold: one, to share best practices in any given engagement area—in this case medical first response;—two, build capacity to become self sufficient to sustain, exercise and execute skills and capabilities and three, build a strong partnership that enhances a combatant commander's ability to maintain reliable regional allies. The culminating goal is two fully capable and interoperable allies able to provide humanitarian response to disasters locally, regionally or globally.

Since 2012, the Idaho National Guard and United States Army Pacific have teamed up to exchange with the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces on topics that include fracture and burn management, patient assessment, evacuation and triage, hemorrhage control, treatment for shock and mass-casualty operations.

Master Sgt. Sheldon Stace, both a medic and a recruiter with the Idaho Army National Guard was able to participate in



Above, Sgt. 1st Class Aaron Bray of the Idaho Army National Guard, works with members of the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces through a hands-on demonstration in first aid techniques during the Medical First Responder Subject Matter Expert Exchange in Phnom Penh, Cambodia Sept. 15-19. The week's medical exchange was the third year the two countries collaborated to share information on basic first responder techniques and practices. Below, Brig. Gen. Chan Daravuth (right), a medical doctor with the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces and Chief Master Sgt. Jerod Taylor, a medic with the Idaho Air National Guard discuss techniques in hemorrhage control during the event. The exchange covered several topics to include patient assessment, basic life support, airway management and the treatment of shock. Photo by Maj. Chris Borders

this year's exchange. "I see several benefits to being involved in this partnership; getting a chance to work with the active component, the experience of working with a foreign military, which is a pretty valuable skill in itself these days, but also learning how a military that may not have access to

the quality of equipment we do, still manages to make it work. From a recruiting standpoint, it's a huge opportunity a lot of soldiers look forward to."

Idaho's partnership with Cambodia is part of the Department of Defense's Security Cooperation Program and is an example of the United States' commitment to the region. "We establish these relationships and then get to come back year after year, over the span of our entire military careers seeing the same counterparts, and that results in deep friendships and a strong bond between our militaries," said Idaho Air National Guardsman Maj. Chris Borders, director of the Idaho-Cambodia State Partnership Program. "The United States is committed to the Pacific and Idaho is committed to Cambodia through this partnership. We plan to be at this for many years to come," Borders said.



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